

Inor language

Inor (pronounced [inoːr]), sometimes called **Ennemor**, is an Afroasiatic language spoken in central Ethiopia. One of the Gurage languages, it is mainly spoken within the Gurage Zone in the Southern Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples' Region, as well as by speakers of the language who have settled in Ethiopian cities, especially Addis Ababa. In addition to the morphological complexity that is common to all Semitic languages, Inor exhibits the very complex morphophonology characteristic of West Gurage languages.

Endegegn, Enner, Gyeto, and the extinct dialect Mesmes are all sometimes considered dialects of Inor.

Inor possesses nasal vowels, which are unusual for a Gurage language. Many of these may be the result of historical rhinoglottophilia.

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Phonology

Consonants

Inor	
Ennemor	
Native to	Ethiopia
Native speakers	(undated figure of 280,000) ^[1]
Language family	Afro-Asiatic <ul style="list-style-type: none">Semitic<ul style="list-style-type: none">South Semitic<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ethiopian Semitic<ul style="list-style-type: none">South<ul style="list-style-type: none">Outer<ul style="list-style-type: none">West Gurage<ul style="list-style-type: none">Inor
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	ior
Glottolog	inor1238 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/inor1238) ^[2]

Inor consonants^[3]

		labial		alveolar	alveo-palatal	palatal	velar			glottal	
		plain	labialized				plain	palatalized	lab.	plain	lab.
Stops and affricates	ejective			tʼ	tʃʼ		kʼ	kʲʼ	kʷʼ		
	voiceless	p	pʷ	t	tʃ		k	kʲ	kʷ	ʔ	ʔʷ
	voiced	b	bʷ	d	dʒ		g	gʲ	gʷ		
Fricatives	voiceless	f	fʷ	s	ʃ		x	xʲ	xʷ		
	voiced			z	ʒ						
Nasals		m	mʷ	n	ɳ	ɲ	ŋ				
Approximants	plain	β		(l)		j			w		
	nasalized	β̃									
Rhotics	plain			r							
	nasalized			ɾ̃							

Vowels

Inor vowels^[4]

	front	central	back
high	i	ɨ	u
mid	e	ə	o
low	æ		a

[ɨ] may be regarded as largely epenthetic and only marginally phonemic.^[5]

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